

## WØMTL — Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News — WØKEM



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### NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

**Wednesday – September 10, at 7:30 PM**

Beth Haven Pleasant View  
 641 Euclid Avenue  
 Hannibal, Mo 63401

Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.

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### MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – SEPTEMBER 2014

1	KDØHHN	DON
8	WB2UFO	LARRY
15	KB9VIS	BRIAN
22	WØPGL	TONY
29	KØDFW	HOWARD





## HARC MINUTES FOR AUGUST, 2014 MEETING



**Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN**

Hannibal Amateur Radio Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Of August, 2014

Don (KD0HHN) opened the meeting at 7:30pm with 17 people present including 3 guests.

**Minutes** for the July meeting were brought up for discussion. A motion to approve was made by Carol (WA9EFV) and seconded by John (KC9MMO). The motion carried.

**The Treasurer's Report** was read by Larry (WB2UFO). Last month's Ending Balance was \$1,569.17; this month's ending balance is \$1,528.17. The CD balance is \$1,318.01, and Total Assets are \$2,846.18. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tony (W0PGL) and seconded by J.D. (W0AJD). The motion carried.

**Repeaters:**

Don reported that both repeaters seem to be operating with no problems.

**Unfinished Business:**

Don (KD0HHN) mentioned House Resolution 4969 which gives the FCC the ability to over-ride Home Owners Associations restrictions. It would require reasonable accommodations in HOA covenants for outdoor antennas. Don (KD0HHN) and Larry (WB2UFO) reported sending letters to Rep. Sam Graves. The present goal is to get as many co-sponsors of the bill as possible. Larry (WB2UFO) reported that there are 17 co-sponsors at the present time.

**Don (KD0HHN) took the Telephone Link** donated from Northeast Power to the Quincy Hamfest. He said several people looked at it but made no offers. Don stated that the unit includes 4 power supplies

with battery back-up that could possibly be used for other purposes. He will also place the unit in the QRZ website classified ads to see if we can sell the unit.

**After seeing an article in QST magazine,** Don (KD0HHN) made a presentation about a group in Oregon that held 2 Meter Sprint Contests. He explained details about how they operated their contest and suggested the possibility of our Club starting a similar event. We could invite surrounding clubs to join, and offer certificates to those who participate. Don reported that according to QRZ's mailing list, there are 102 amateur operators in Marion County. Possibly a simplex contest would generate interest to get these operators on the air. Discussion followed and it was decided to talk to the Quincy and Pittsfield clubs, to see if we can get something started.

**New Business:**

Don (KD0HHN) reported that the Missouri QSO Party results are in and Don (KD0HHN), Larry (WB2UFO), and Cliff (K0CA) put northeast Missouri on the map. Larry was 6<sup>th</sup> place in his class. Out of 340 contacts in Ralls County, Larry had 300! Cliff was reported as 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> in CW. The Club would like to extend thanks to Cliff (K0CA) for his hard work completing the paperwork for the Hannibal Amateur Radio Club's filing as a non-profit corporation.

**50/50:**

The 50/50 was won by Don (KD0HHN). A motion to adjourn was made by John (KC9MMO) , and it was seconded by Steve (KD0YTH). The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN**

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**FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2014**

**October 8th**

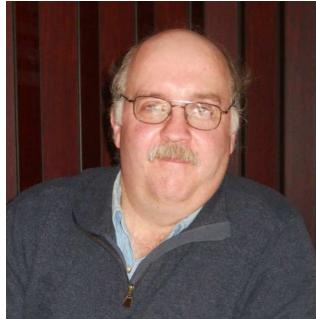
Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at [kb0wil@arrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

The 2014 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK BY DON VARY KDØHHN



I see we are definitely in the dog days of summer. Right now it's 8 AM and the temp outside is in the high 80's with lots of humidity. Makes me yearn for winter, Hi Hi. With that thought, when the weather starts to cool down a little , once again it is time to start thinking about winterizing our equipment. Checking the coax for any nicks or cuts in the jacket, checking antennas to make sure that they are secure and free of obstructions, making sure that all connections are good and tight and covered to prevent any moisture from getting into the connections. Taking the time to do this now, or in the next few months will be better than having to do it in the middle of a snow storm or freezing temperatures.

In the latest issue of the ARRL Midwest newsletter, Cliff, KØCA, has announced that he will not seek re-election to his current position as Mid-west Regional Director. Cliff has decided that 8 years in the position has earned him a well deserved retirement and I agree wholeheartedly. He has said that he plans to continue as the club's trustee for the repeaters and the license, and he is planning to spend more time with his family. In the few years that I have been associated with Amateur Radio and the Hannibal club, I have found Cliff to be a very ardent supporter of Amateur Radio and all of the various aspects of the hobby. He would travel anywhere in the region to talk about Amateur Radio and the ARRL and what it could and was doing for Amateur Radio. I know that he will be missed by many throughout the region. I'm not sure who will be running for his position, but I think he or she will have large shoes to fill, but I know they will do their best. If anyone here is interested in running for the position, contact Cliff, and I'm sure he can help you with what you might need.

Well, that's all for now. Hope everyone has a safe and cool month. Don't forget, Mike Nowak will be doing a presentation at the September meeting on D-Star. It sounds like it will be an interesting presentation, and hope to see everyone at the meeting. 73 Don

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## DX News and Notes, SEPTEMBER 2014

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



### DX Notes & News



#### DX NOTES....

A report by the ARRL DX Advisory Committee has addressed an issue that has recently generated some significant controversy. The issue centers on the use of remotely controlled stations in a contest situation or to make contacts where the QSO confirmation will be used for an ARRL award credit. Recent advances in technology and internet capability have enabled amateur operators to use a distantly located, remote controlled amateur station to operate on the air. Questions have resulted as to the legality of the operation if the station is located in another country and if the remote station violates the intent of the existing rules governing the ARRL DXCC program. The report has resulted in a new proposed limitation that no part of a remotely controlled station may be more than 200 km from any other part, nor may any part be more than 200 km from the control point. Some may view this as a severe limitation as there have been an increasing number of cases where hams have been remotely operating a foreign station via the internet from their arm chair at home. In some cases it is a station they have built and own. In other instances, there are a number of stations that have been established overseas expressly to 'rent' to hams from less rare locations, thus making for a cheap and travel free DXpedition.

The start of the DX and contest season is nearly upon us. The CQ WW DX test is not far. The low bands are beginning to show signs of life as the sun continues to move South. Night time propagation will soon pick up as noise levels continue to subside. Last evening there were several loud European stations on 40M that I could hear easily and others that were being spotted on 80M but were not audible from the black hole of the Midwest. Keep checking these bands as things should pick up quickly this fall.

The fall DXpedition season to this point doesn't appear to have the number of exciting things in the offing as we had last year. The Amsterdam Island operation had everyone excited then. This

year there are no blockbusters scheduled so far but there will be some good ones that are in the planning to start the winter. This includes Christmas Island on Oct 13, Lord Howe on Oct 13, the Marquesas starting Oct 18, Tromelin Island starting Oct 30 and the Chesterfield Islands on Nov 5. That should be enough to keep all DXers listening to the static.

### DX News.....

3W, VIETNAM. Bruce, 3W3B announced that he will be active during the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. QSL via E21EIC or LoTW.

4W, TIMOR-LESTE. Bob, G3ZEM, will be active as 4W/G3ZEM from a water's edge location on the north shores of Timor Leste between October 8-20th. Activity will be all bands, 160-10 meters using primarily CW. His equipment will be a K3 with a KPA500 into a HF9V for HF and a pole supported vertical on 160/80m. QSL via M0URX; OQRS preferred.

9X, RWANDA. Gordon, K7TRB, will be active as 9X0VA until October 2014. Bands and modes of activity were not provided, but he will use a Yaesu 757GX into a wire antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

A5, BHUTAN (Update to OPDX.1176). OH2YY (A52YY) announced that OH1TV, will be joining me. They will arrive in Paro late afternoon on Sept. 26th, and will depart on the morning of Oct. 2nd. QSL checking will be on QRZ.com and on LoTW. QSL cards directly to his home address or via SRAL QSL Bureau.

FS, ST. MARTIN. K9EL, will once again be active as FS/K9EL from St. Martin between November 20th and December 2nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. He will be running 500 watts into a 3 element yagi on 6m, dipoles for 10-30m and a vertical for 40-80-160m. John will operate on 60m if there is interest. Daily uploads to ClubLog and LoTW are planned. QSL via his home callsign.

RI1, ANTARCTICA. ZS1ANF, RD3MX, UA1PAW will be active as RI1ANR from Novo Runway Airbase between November 2014 and March 2015. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via RK1PWA.

SV9, CRETE. LZ3FN will be QRV as SV9/LZ3FN until September 7. Activity will be on the HF bands using mainly CW. QSL via LZ1PM.

T8, PALAU. KQ2I, will once again be active as T88AT from Arakabesan Island in the Koror State between August 24th and September 3rd. Activity will be mainly CW on 40 and 30 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

T8, PALAU. JH1QJU reports that he will once again be active, but with his new callsign T88PB from the Palau, between September 4-8th. Activity will be on the HF bands, but the main purpose is to be in the All-Asian SSB Contest. QSL via JH1QJU. For more details and update, see his Web page at: <http://pandasan.jimdo.com>

VQ9, CHAGOS ISLANDS. By the time you read this N7XR should be active as VQ9XR from Diego

Garcia for 3 weeks starting August 25th. This operation will be followed up by a 1 week trip in October or November. Activity will be focused on CW and RTTY (some SSB). Operations will be on 160-10 meters using an IC7600 with an amp into a SteppIR-BigIR, Spiderbeam and dipoles for 80/160m. QSL via NN1N, direct only (No Bureau or LoTW). Look for possible updates on: <http://www.wake-diego2014.org>

VR2, HONG KONG. K0UU, will be active as VR2UU from Hong Kong until the end of 2015. QSL via LoTW preferred. His direct mailing address is good through December 2015 at: Jeffrey Strandberg, 80 Robinson Rd, T1-20C, Hong Kong S.A.R.

XX9, MACAO. IK7YTT, will be active as XX9TYT between September 4-8th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using SSB. Operations will include the All Asian DX SSB Contest (September 6-7th). Before the contest he will try to focus on 40m. Rig is a Ten Tec Omni VII using an Acom 1000 amp into Ultrabeam for 40-6m. QSL via IZ8CCW.

As always, thanks go to the ARRL DX Bulletin, The Ohio Penn DX Newsletter, and the 425 DX News letter for much of the above information.

73 and good DX, Mike NA9Q

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#### FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK BY LARRY LAUER WB2UFO



Larry Lauer, WB2UFO

Warm weather, long days, maybe even some extra vacation time with nothing to do. This is wire antenna building season. I enjoy experimenting (playing) with wire antennas. They are easy to put together and cheap as well. You might just be surprised with the results.

You can flaunt all the established rules and still get good working antennas. Eugene W0ICY and I placed a full sized G5RV up at his new QTH in Keokuk Iowa. It is only 15 feet off the ground and has the open wire feed line lying on the ground. The first QSO was on 20 meters with a station on Long Island New York followed by a 17 meters contact with a station in Slovenia. I had to look that one up. He was just west of Italy on the Mediterranean.

Just stay safe. Follow all the rules. Keep away from power lines and if a storm is on the horizon put the project off until another day. We need you to stay healthy and come to the next meeting.

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**Dear Troops, Thanks to you, our flag is proudly flying over this country!**



**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**

**Do not be terrified;  
do not be discouraged  
for the Lord your God  
will be with you  
wherever you go.**

**(Joshua 1:9)**

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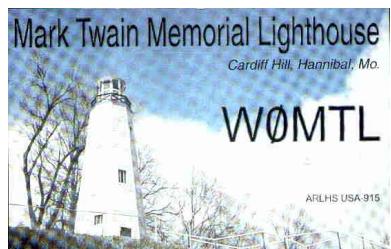
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